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SUBJ: TRIAL RESULT

1. JAMES DOUGLAS JOHNSON: CONSULAR OFFICER ATTENDING TRIAL AT MASHAD MARCH 18 REPORTS THAT JAMES DOUGLAS JOHNSON CONVICTED FOR HASHISH IMPORTATION AND SENTENCED TO TWO-YEARS PLUS FINE OF 37,265,000 RIALS (FINE LIKELY TO BE REMITTED UPON COMPLETION SENTENCE).
 2. CONSULAR OFFICER REPORTS THAT MASHAD LAWYER, MR SHAHIDPOUR, MADE STRONG DEFENSE. (FYI: CONSULAR OFFICER NOTED THAT JOHNSON, WHO MADE SHOW OF BRAVADO UP THROUGH DAY BEFORE TRIAL, WAS QUIETLY SOBBING THROUGHOUT TRIAL AND SHAKEN BY SENTENCE).
 3. JOSEPH LEWIS: SINCE JOHNSON ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HASHISH FOUND IN CAR, LEWIS WAS CONVICTED ONLY FOR SMALL AMOUNT HASHISH HIDDEN BELT HE WAS WEARING AND SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS (LESS TIME ALREADY SERVED, AND FINED 35,000 RIALS, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REMITTED UPON COMPLETION SENTENCE. SHAHIDPOUR (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE) WAS DEFENSE ATTORNEY.
 4. DEPT REQUESTED INFORM FATHER OF JOHNSON: JAMES JOHNSON, 3574 DUPONT ST, SAN DIEGO, CALIF 92106 (TELEPHONE NO NOT KNOWN) AND FAMILY FRIEND OF LEWIS: MR HARRY SINGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 120 FOX PLAZA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 94102 (TEL 621-0862).
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